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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$57 for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$47.

Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: This is our 36th convention. (Tentatively planned), Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2010: 2010 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures. Pens are also available for \$1.25

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Five years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about Dark Fantasy; Fred Foy; Gormer Cool, cowboy musician and script writer; -**Illustrated Press**; Feb; articles about Jack Benny; Mandrake the Magician; -Mar; article about Eddie Cantor; Duffy's Tavern; Popeye; baseball on radio; -**Nostalgia Digest**, Spring; articles about Rose Marie; Dick Powell; Orson Welles and Arthur Anderson; Ed Wynn; Radio and Collecting Stamps

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>; -**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

Radio Classics Live, April 30 – May 1; Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA 02302; for information contact Bob Bowers, 508-758-4865, <bobowers@verizon.net>

Cincinnati's 25th Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 13 – 14, 2011; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

REPS Showcase XIX, June 24 – 25, 2011; Bellevue Coast Hotel, Seattle, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

6th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 21 – 24, 2011. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

36th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 20 – 23, 2011 (tentative) at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL; I am listing those individuals who have an OLD-time radio program on the air or on the internet. If you aren't listed or you want to change the information, send me the exact wording. This list was in the last issue of Hello Again and is now a separate file. If you want it, please email me. I will send it as a PDF file.

Elmira(NY) Little Theatre held its 24th annual "Visit to the Golden Age of Radio" on Nov. 28 and 29 with all Christmas episodes to enthusiastic and packed audiences. Episodes of FIBBER MCGEE and MOLLY, DRAGNET, and MY FRIEND IRMA were presented along with Norman Corwin's classic THE PLOT TO OVERTHROW CHRISTMAS. Bart Curtis provided sound effects and Gary Yogy directed. Santa Claus was the "special guest star."

From Jan. 27 to 30 the Waverly(NY) Storefront Theater held its second annual RADIO DAYZE. Episodes of "Our Miss Brooks," "The Bickersons," "Sam Spade" and the SUSPENSE classic "Sorry Wrong Number" were performed. Bart did Sound effects and Gary directed. Plans are already being made for a third show next year.

CLUBS: Let me know of your OTR club you belong to. I am more interested in the smaller clubs that readers may not be familiar with.

WCCR (Western Carolina Classic Radio) meets the third Monday of each month at Polk Campus Isothermal Community College, Columbus, NC at 2:00 p.m. Our average attendance is 25 and our schedule includes one OTR program and a TV show that has to be based on OTR background i.e. Benny, Hope, etc. We have no dues, no formal meeting nor thanks goodness, no officers. If anyone needs any more info., please contact me at bobl01@windstream.net

The **Milwaukee Area Radio Enthusiasts** has been around since 1975. Ron Sayles
<http://mare-otr.org/>

Tucson, AZ Old-Time Radio Club: Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm to talk about OTR, test memories with an OTR trivia quiz, hear a broadcast from the golden age of radio, and find out the songs on "Your Hit Parade" for the week of the show. Contact Norm Schickedanz, schick@wbhsi.net, (520) 818-7817.

The ORCATS - The Old-time Radio Collectors and Traders Society has been around since 1974. Our group is unique in that we meet every week, and we meet on the radio (not in person). The purpose of our group is Collecting, Trading, Discussing, Preserving and Propagating Old Time Radio Programs (not old radio sets, ie, not antique radios).

Most of the ORCATS are Amateur Radio Operators, which is why we meet on the air. Some ORCATS are not hams, but non-hams visit the members who are licensed so they can participate in our meetings on the air during the ORCATS NET (network).

We meet on the 40 meter band on 7.238 MHz on Sunday mornings at 7 AM Central Time. Anybody with a short wave receiver can tune into the net. Members are all over the United States and

Canada, but not everybody checks in every week.

Everybody is welcome to listen to our on-air weekly meetings.

Happy Taping and 73 -- Ken Piletic -- Streamwood, Illinois and Alma Arkansas -- W9ZMR

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; Let me know if any are out of date.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**); **Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www2.pcom.net/robmc/dotrbuffalo/> **Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek> new e-mail is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com... **Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <http://www.bearmanormedia.com> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <http://www.otr.com> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>; **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>; **Old time Radio Researchers Group** <http://www.otrr.org>; For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <http://www.otrrlibrary.org>; For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia** located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>; **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe>. **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467

<www.heritageaudio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>
Vintage Broadcasts; Flyer #1 of 2011; shows include SF 68; All-star Western Theater; Mind Your Manners; Calling all Cars

IN FOND MEMORY: **Michael Tolan**, Jan 31, 85; actor (Green Hornet; CBS Radio Mystery Theater);-**Elmer (Budd) Charleton**, Jan 25, 72; cowboy singer and steel guitarist (Grand Ole Opry; Midnight Jamboree);-**Georgia Carroll Kyser**; wife of Kay Kyser; singer; sag on radio shows;-**Doc Williams**, Jan 30, 96; country and bluegrass bandleader since 1937 (WWVA Jamboree);-**Charlie Callas**, Jan 27, 86; comedian; attended FOTR Convention one year;-**Peggy Rea**, Feb 5, 89; actress (Gunsmoke);-**Betty Garrett**, Feb 12, 91; actress, singer (Railroad Hour, Guest Star);-**George Shearing**, Feb 14, 91; blind pianist (Remotes, Music for Moderns, AFRS programs);-**Haila Stoddard**, Feb 21; 97; actress (Radio Reader's Digest; Best Plays);-**Jane Russell**, Feb 28, 89; actress (Bob Hope; Screen Directors Playhouse);-**Jean Dinning**, Feb 22, 86; singer and composer; wrote "Teen Angel." Sang with her sisters, Lou and Ginger on radio;-**Danny Stiles**, Mar 11, 87; radio host and DJ in New York; played nostalgic music; attended our convention one year;-**Hugh Martin**, Mar 11, 96; composer (Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas; The Trolley Song)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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BACKGROUND

RADIO CLASSICS LIVE! is a nonprofit program at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA whose purpose is to raise scholarship money for students wishing to pursue a bachelor's degree in Radio/TV communications. The College is part of the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. We are a two-year college whose student body comes primarily from multicultural, working class families.

Created in 1990, *Radio Classics Live!* has raised more than \$90,000 in scholarship money for Massasoit graduates going on to four-year colleges. Equally as important, *Radio Classics Live!* has provided our students with the rare opportunity to meet, work with, and learn from professionals – actors, writers, directors, sound effects people – from the golden age of radio, people who were on the cutting edge of what was then the nation's primary communication and entertainment medium. The program was also designed to and continues to help us reach out to our senior citizen community and provide them with affordable entertainment and nostalgia.

The *Radio Classics Live!* program is held at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, a first-class theater facility on the Massasoit Community College Brockton campus.

PAST PARTICIPANTS

Since we began in 1990, we have been fortunate to have many former and current radio/TV stars participate, including: **Dick Van Patten, Alan Young, Gale Storm, Betsy Palmer, Tom Bergeron, Willard Waterman (*The Great Gildersleeve*), Ezra Stone (*Henry Aldrich*), Arthur Anderson, Parley Baer, Peg Lynch, Donald Buka, Will Hutchins, Rosemary Rice, Robert Horton, William Schallert, Shirley Mitchell, songwriter Jay Livingston, Lon Clark, Arnold Stang, Fred Foy, Bob Dryden, Bob Hastings, Don Hastings, and Mark Goddard.**

Additionally, many current and past Boston and national on-air radio/TV personalities have participated, including **Rex Trailer (Boomtown), Jess Cain (WHDH), Robin Young (WBUR) and Barry Nolan, Boston's original Evening Magazine team, Ron Della Chiesa (WGBH. WPLM), WBZ's Jordan Rich, Gil Santos, Laurie Kirby, Ben Parker, Diane Stern, Rod Fritz. Deb Lawler, and Norm Nathan, Carl Kasell (NPR), Kerry Connolly, Scott Wahle and Josh Binswanger (WBZTV4), Jonathan Hall (TV7), Charles Laquidara (WZLX), Jerry Williams (WRKO), and Michele Hughes (WODS).**

No one involved with the program is paid. All staff and performers work pro bono. Every dollar we raise above the actual expenses of the program goes into the scholarship fund administered by The Massasoit Community College Foundation, a nonprofit charitable foundation.

CELEBRITY ARRANGEMENTS

We make every effort to protect our performers' privacy, allowing them as much or as little contact as you like with fans. In past years, performers have found our audience extremely well-mannered and appreciative of their appearance here. Many fans like to get autographs or photos; while we don't set aside specific times or places for it, we can control how much an individual performer is exposed to fans.

For a taste of past shows check out Radio Classics Live Highlights on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnd6J5EljMQ>)

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